

# New-York Daily Tribune

## COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

SATURDAY, Feb. 22.—F. M.

There was no session of the Stock Board to-day, but an informal meeting was held at the room at the corner of William street and Exchange place. Only a moderate number of operators were present, but there was a fair demand for Government securities and the leading bances. The market was a fluctuating one, but was firm at the close. The dealings reached about 5,000 shares. Central, after selling from \$3 down to \$2, recovered firmness and sold at \$2. Toledo sold at \$2.45. Erie was rather heavy at \$3.45. The Southern Michigan issues were firm at an advance of 4 or 5 cent on Friday's closing prices. The Western shares generally were firm. State and Government stocks were firm. Tennessee was \$1.62, and Missouri \$1.53, with considerable sales. Government G's, of 1881, were \$2 with large sales. We had, including private transactions, of over \$500,000 Government securities sold at \$1.60 for Sixes of 1881, \$1.48 for Fives of 1871, and \$1.22 for 7.30 4 cent Treasury Notes. At the close the quotations were as follows: U. S. G., 1881, registered, \$2.40; U. S. G. coupons, 20 cent; U. S. 7.30 Treasury Notes, \$2.40; \$1.60 American Gold, \$1.62; Tennessee Stock, \$1.53; Missouri State G's, \$1.53; Pacific Mail Steamship Company, \$1.62; New-York Central Railroad, \$1.62; Erie Railway, \$2.45; Erie Railway, Pref., \$2.45; Hinds River Railroad, \$2.45; Harlem Railroad, \$2.45; Harlem Railroad, Pref., \$2.45; Reading Railroad, \$2.45; Michigan Central Railroad, \$2.45; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, \$2.45; Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad, Guaranteed, \$2.45; Panama Railroad, \$2.45; Illinois Central Railroad, \$2.45; Galena and Chicago Railroad, \$2.45; Cleveland and Toledo Railroad, \$2.45; Chicago and Rock Island Railroad, \$2.45; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, \$2.45.

The street was very quiet; many of the offices were not opened in the morning, and at 1 o'clock Wall and William streets were nearly deserted. The Sub-Treasury was open all day, but the business done was very limited.

The Senate, which left this port to-day for Europe, takes out \$375,000 in specie, the Edinburgh \$300,000, making a total of \$675,000.

We annex a comparative statement of the Imports of Dry Goods and General Merchandise at New-York for the week ending Feb. 21, and since Jan. 1:

|                         | 1860.        | 1861.        | 1862.        |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| By Goods.               | \$1,000,000  | \$2,000,000  | \$1,000,000  |
| General Merchandise.    | 1,000,000    | 2,000,000    | 1,000,000    |
| Total for the Week.     | \$2,000,000  | \$4,000,000  | \$2,000,000  |
| Previously reported.... | 2,000,000    | 2,000,000    | 2,000,000    |
| Total since Jan. 1.     | \$20,000,000 | \$21,000,000 | \$21,000,000 |

Western railroads continue to improve, and upon the two Michigan roads 2 or 3 cent advance is shown. The Michigan Southern Company closes its fiscal year on the 1st inst. The following shows a comparative statement:

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**—The House of Representatives being the great scene of attraction, as early as 9 o'clock the galleries set apart for the public were densely crowded, while the doors leading thereto were blocked with standing patrols.

The portions of the gallery reserved for the families of the diplomatic corps, and those of other invited spectators and of Members of Congress were gradually filled according to their convenience. Tickets had been issued to them in order to avoid confusion, and there were many police door-keepers and ushers to carry out this part of the programme.

Additional chairs had been provided on the floor of the Hall to seat about 600 persons.

Immediately over the Speaker's chair there was a large painting of Washington surrounded by a great eagle, and over this a golden-headed American flag, while from each of the upper corners of the painting hung banners of a smaller pattern.

Crowds continued to penetrate the Capitol, and many persons were unable to obtain admission.

The interval between 11 and 1 o'clock was relieved by various scenes in the galleries.

Some of the door-keepers would boldly and impudently call to others who were crowding below, not to precipitate them on the heads of those comfortably seated below them.

A key would be fitted over the heads of the spectators to a seat in front, and the usher of the spectators.

Living subjects usurped the various niches designed alone for inanimate statuary.

The members of the House occasionally entered the Hall and took their seats.

Impatient cries continued to be made for the crowds at the door to fall back, and calls for the police frequently resounded, but met with no response.

At 12 o'clock the Speaker called the House order, when the journal of yesterday was read.

At the request of the Speaker, the members proceeded to occupy the seats on the left of the hall, leaving the three front circles for the invited guests.

Mr. Blair of Mass.-made an ineffectual suggestion that the ladies in the lobbies be admitted to the unoccupied spaces on the floor.

Mr. Crittenden said that the joint resolution relative to the celebration did not contemplate the presentation of flags. He therefore moved that they be omitted as a part of the ceremony.

Mr. Lovejoy supposed, from the general tenor of Mr. Crittenden's remarks, that he would not oppose what any military man desired, and this flag presentation had been arranged by the Secretary of War.

Mr. Davis inquired, how could the flags be presented if Congress will not take them? He did not propose to magnify the Rebel flags in this way, and hoped they would respectively decline to receive them.

Mr. Campbell said that these were trophies won by our troops and brave soldiers in hotly contested battles. He would not magnify the flags, but would magnify the deeds of our heroes. He trusted these badges or bags would be received with respect.

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Suppose there had occurred here a riot of formidable dimensions, and the municipal authorities had given orders in calling it, and that at a meeting of the Common Council it should be proposed that a public assembly should be called to receive the flags or tokens of the conspirators, did any one suppose they could be received with self-respect or pride? If not, why should Congress accept the presentation of these flags? They were nothing more than tokens coming simply from the Rebels and of no national standing.

He would go so far as any other gentleman in this House or out of it in his respect and admiration of those who have left the Union to sustain a distant independence of the Union Government, but he will do this to the extent to let it be known that he has no objection to the presentation of these flags.

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